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1. SUBSEQUENT TO INTERVIEWS REPORTED REF A, PRESIDENT
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KYPRIANOU HAS ON AT LEAST TWO OCCASIONS SPOKEN PUBLICLY
AND WITH SOME HEAT OF AMERICAN ROLE IN SOLVING CYPRUS

PROBLEM AND CRITICIZED U.S. ADMINISTRATION'S ALLEGED
INTENT TO LIFT EMBARGO ON ARMS TO TURKEY.

2. IN QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH PRESS AT LAHNACA ANRPORT

BEFORE DEPARTURE FOR ATHENS FEB 14, PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU, AMONG OTHER THINGS, SAID, "THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE UNITED STATES IS PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THE INTERNATIONAL FIELD THAT COULD EXERT DECISIVE PRESSURE ON TURKEY, AND, UNFORTUNATELY, SUCH PRESSURE IS NECESSARY IF TURKEY IS TO RADICALLY CHANGE ITS POLICY, AS IT SHOULD DO FOR THIS IS THE ONLY WAY IN WHICH PROGRESS TOWARDS A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM COULD BE MADE. UNFORTUNATELY, THE LATEST IMPRESSIONS CREATED BY THE AMERICAN

SIDE, FOR EXAMPLE THE REPORTS TO CONGRESS CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS, SPECIFICALLY THE CHAPTERS REFERRING TO CYPRUS, GREECE AND TURKEY, GIVE A PICTURE THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH REALITY. FEARS ARE

JUSTIFIABLY EXPRESSED THAT THIS PICTURE, WHICH IS NOT TRUE AND

IS ONE-SIDEDLY IN FAVOUR OF TURKEY, CONTRARY TO THE TRUE SITUATION, MAY AIM AT EASING THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO BY CONGRESS.... THE EMBARGO WAS IMPOSED BY CONGRESS BECAUSE AMERICAN LAWS WERE VIOLATED AND BECAUSE TURKEY INVADED CYPRUS OCCUPYING 40 PERCENT OF ITS TERRITORY AND PERPETRATING CRIMES AGAINST THE CYPRUS PEOPLE WITH AMERICAN ARMS AND OTHER WAR EQUIPMENT, IN VIOLATION OF THE AMERICAN LAWS AND CONGRESS DECISIONS... THE LINKAGE OF THE EMBARGO TO PROGRESS IN THE CYPRUS PROBLEM IS ABSOLUTE...OF

COURSE, WE DO NOT WISH TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION OF INTERFERING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED STATES BUT THE ISSUE IS SO UNCLASSIFIED

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IMPORTANT TO OUR CAUSE...FOR THIS REASON, WE HAVE TO EXPRESS DISCONTENT AND DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE REPORTS SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS....WHICH GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO TAKE STEPS FOR THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO, REGARDLESS OF PROGRESS IN THE CYPRUS PROBLEM."

3. IN SIMILAR VEIN, WE NOTE (REF C) THAT IN INTERVIEW WITH ATHENS AKROPOLIS CORRESPONDENT, KYPRIANOU MADE FOLLOWING POINTS: (DIRECT QUOTATIONS):

--"WE ALSO SHALL EXAMINE WITH CARAMANLIS THE ISSUE OF U.S. POLICY -- I REPEAT, AT LEAST ON MY PART I WILL RAISE THIS ISSUE --IN RELATION TO THE VARIOUS STATEMENTS THAT WERE RECENTLY MADE AND WHICH HAVE CREATED THE IMPRESSION THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS PROMOTING THE IDEA OF LIFTING THE EMBARGO, CONTRARY TO THE ASSURANCES WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN THAT THE EMBARGO WOULD NOT BE LIFTED UNLESS THERE WAS SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. IN OTHER WORDS, THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE EMBARGO AND THE CYPRUS PROBLEM WAS ABSOLUTE, ACCORDING TO ALL ASSURANCES WE HAVE HAD UNTIL NOW, WHILE THE VARIOUS RECENT STATEMENTS AND REPORTS, AND THE IMPRESSIONS THAT HAVE GENERALLY BEEN CREATED, GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO SEPARATE THE EMBARGO FROM THE CYPRUS PROBLEM,

SOMETHING THAT WORRIES US VERY MUCH."

--"THE (HUMAN RIGHTS) REPORTS FAVOR TURKEY AND DO NOT
PORTRAY AT ALL REALITY IN THE CASE OF CYPRUS, IN CASE OF THRACE
OR AS REGARDS THE GREEK MINORITY IN TURKEY. THIS IS SOMETHING
THAT WORRIES US VERY MUCH. MANY PEOPLE LINK IT WITH THE U.S.
EFFORT TO LIFT THE EMBARGO. WE HAVE ASSURANCES THAT WASHINGTON
HAS NOT MADE ANY DECISIONS ON THIS ISSUE, THAT IS, WHEN
AND IF
IT WILL ASK FOR THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO, BUT WE HAVE REPORTS
TH IS LEANING IN THIS DIRECTION. ALREADY, ON OUR SIDE, WE
HAVE MADE STRONG REPRESENTATIONS. I SHALL DISCUSS THE ISSUE
WITH PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS AND IN ANY CASE WE SHALL
BEGIN A CAMPAIGN TO ENLIGHTEN THE CONGRESS AND U.S. PUBLIC
OPINION."

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